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[FB007-F] Edison, Marion E. (1894-1897)

Family Records Series -- Correspondence

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Description
This folder contains letters by Marion Estelle Edison (1873-1965), the daughter of Thomas Edison and his first wife, Mary Stilwell. The earliest letters, dating from 1887-1888, relate to Marion's education at the Bradford Academy in Massachusetts. Numerous other letters were written during her tour of Europe in 1889-1892. In addition to letters from Marion to her father and stepmother, there is correspondence by Sarah W. Brigham, her tutor and traveling companion in 1889, and by Elizabeth F. Earl, who replaced Miss Brigham in 1890. There are also references to the sisters of Mina Miller Edison—Jennie, Mary, and Grace—who initially accompanied Marion on her travels. Among the topics discussed in the letters are Marion's impressions of the various countries she visited; her strained relations with Jennie Miller; her contraction of smallpox in Dresden at the beginning of 1890; her self-consciousness about the scars left by the disease; her encounter with explorer Henry Stanley and Edward, Price of Wales in Cannes in the spring of 1890; and her desire that her brothers Tom Jr. and Will join her in Europe so that she can "make amends" for having been "most cold and selfish towards them." The letters from 1891-1892 include numerous references to Charlie Levison (possibly Charles Horace Granville Levison of Norfolk County), a wealthy Englishman to whom Marion was briefly engaged. A July 1894 letter from German army officer Oscar Oeser formally seeks Edison's permission to marry his daughter.

Additional letters by Marion Edison can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection. One other item from 1894 can be found the David E. E. Sloane Collection.

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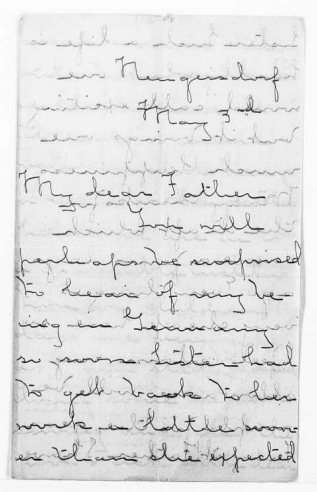

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[FB007A], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, May 3rd, 1894

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Editor's Notes
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Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1894-05-03

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)

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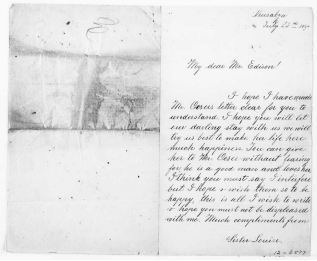
so we receive Daily
with joy news of
is doing here it is
through of course
being quiet, it being
a wicked city this
house we are in is
a charitable institu-
tion for children. My
days are very full
as I am studying German
during some summer
sewing and visit the
poor & sick with dear

Sister such a life is
hardly what one
would call exciting
but it brings one
much happiness.
Many thanks for
the draft which
came a few days
ago. Everything is
very cheap here so
I feel certain my
allowance will be
ample for the year.
Fairy it! Father. I have

a five course dinner
sent to me for 1 mk. =
25 cts and enough
left from it to make
a supper of. I call that
quite exciting especially
as it is very good
and the bargain.
Please let me hear from
you once in awhile,
just a few lines would
make me more happy
than you would believe
even your daughter
Hannah



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[FB007AAA], Letter from Louise Juechzer to Thomas Alva Edison, July 23rd, 1894

Title
[FB007AAA], Letter from Louise Juechzer to Thomas Alva Edison, July 23rd, 1894

Author
Juechzer, Louise

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Oeser, Karl Oscar

Date
1894-07-23

Type
Letter

Subject
Edison-Miller family

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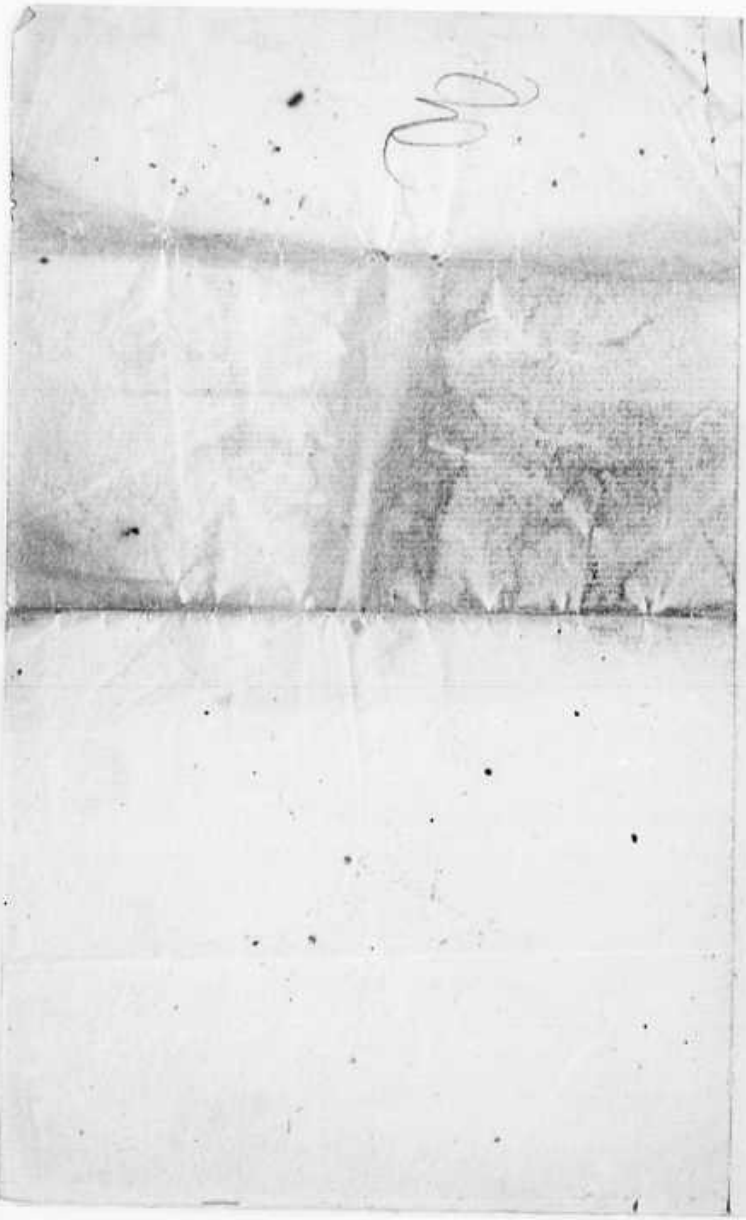

Nusalza
July 23 d 1890

My dear Mr. Edison!

I hope I have made Mr. Oesers letter clear for you to understand. I hope you will let our darling stay with us we will try us best to make her life here much happiness. You can give her to Mr. Oeser without fearing for he is a good man and loves her. I think you must say I interfere but I hope & wish them so to be happy, this is all I wish to write & hope you must not be displeased with me. Much compliments from

Sister Louise.

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Neusalza – Spremberg
Kingdom of Saxony
July 23d 1894.

Mr. Edison
Dear Sir!

I beg leave to inform you that I have made the acquantance of your doughter. I love her and wish to have her for my wife. She has consented if I can prevailupn on you to agree to our union. I shall anxionsly await your answer. Being obligbed as German officer to accomodate myself to the laws prevailing in this contry, I must request you to send me your person approbation acknowledged by trecourt so that I may be able to receive the consent of His Majesty the King of Saxony which is necessary for the mariage of an

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Oscar Oeser.

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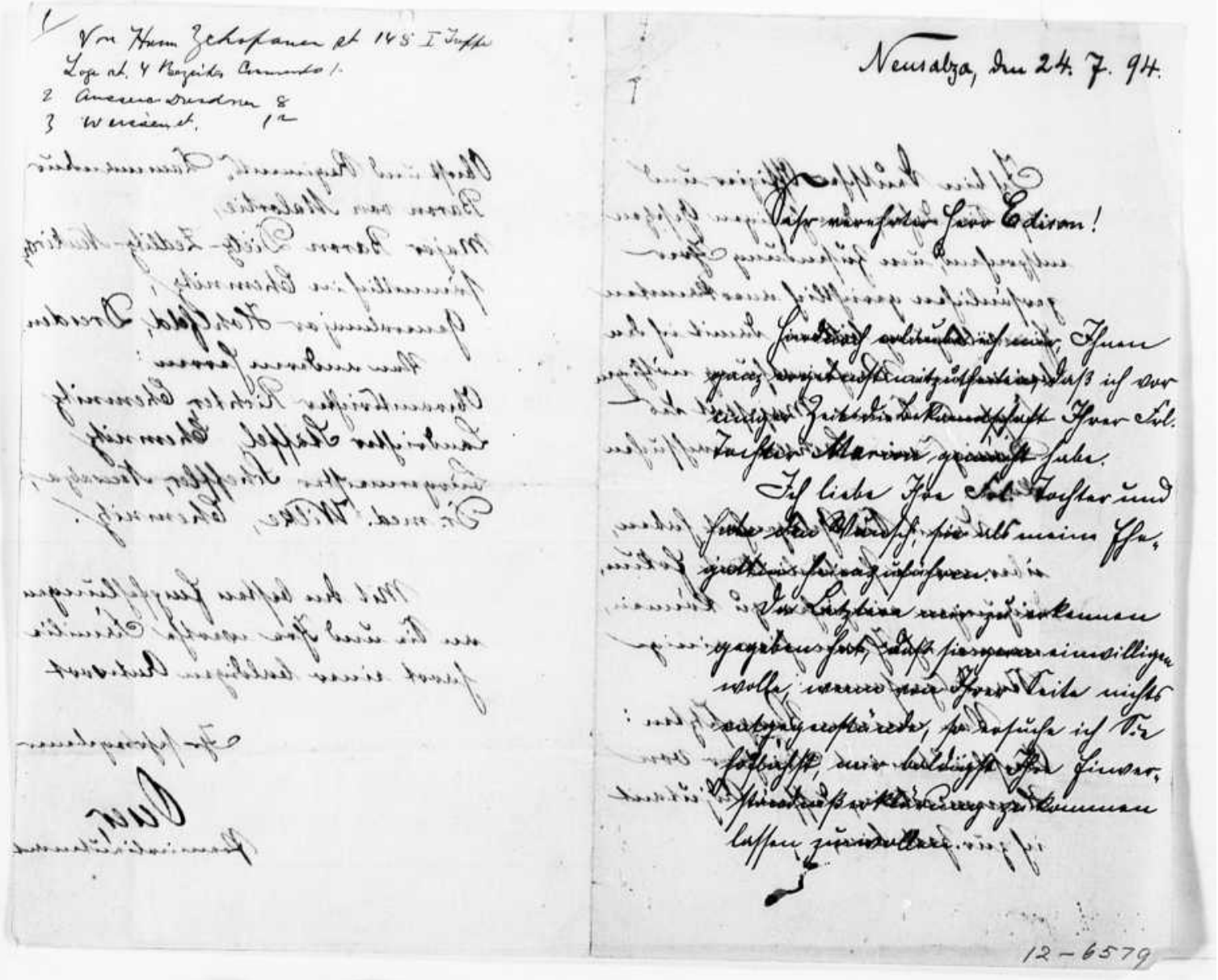

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Neusalza, den 24. 7. 94.

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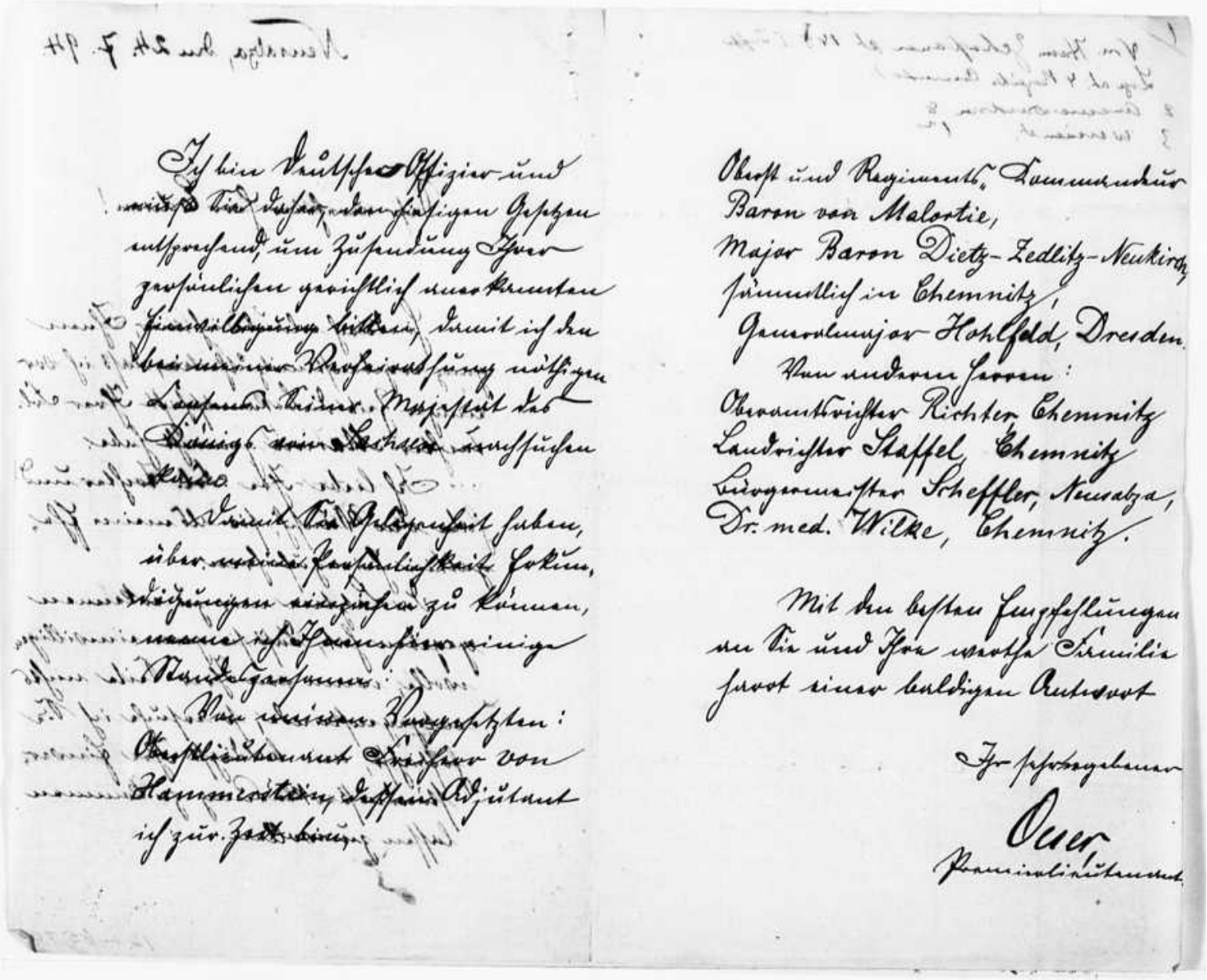

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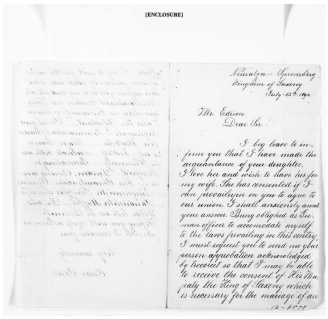

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Author
Oeser, Karl Oscar

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Juechzer, Louise
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Date
1894-07-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Social customs, norms, values
- Contracts and other legal concerns

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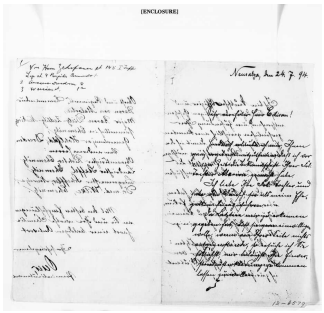

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Author
Oeser, Karl Oscar

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Edison, Marion Estelle

Date
1894-07-24

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Social customs, norms, values
- Management (companies and organizations)

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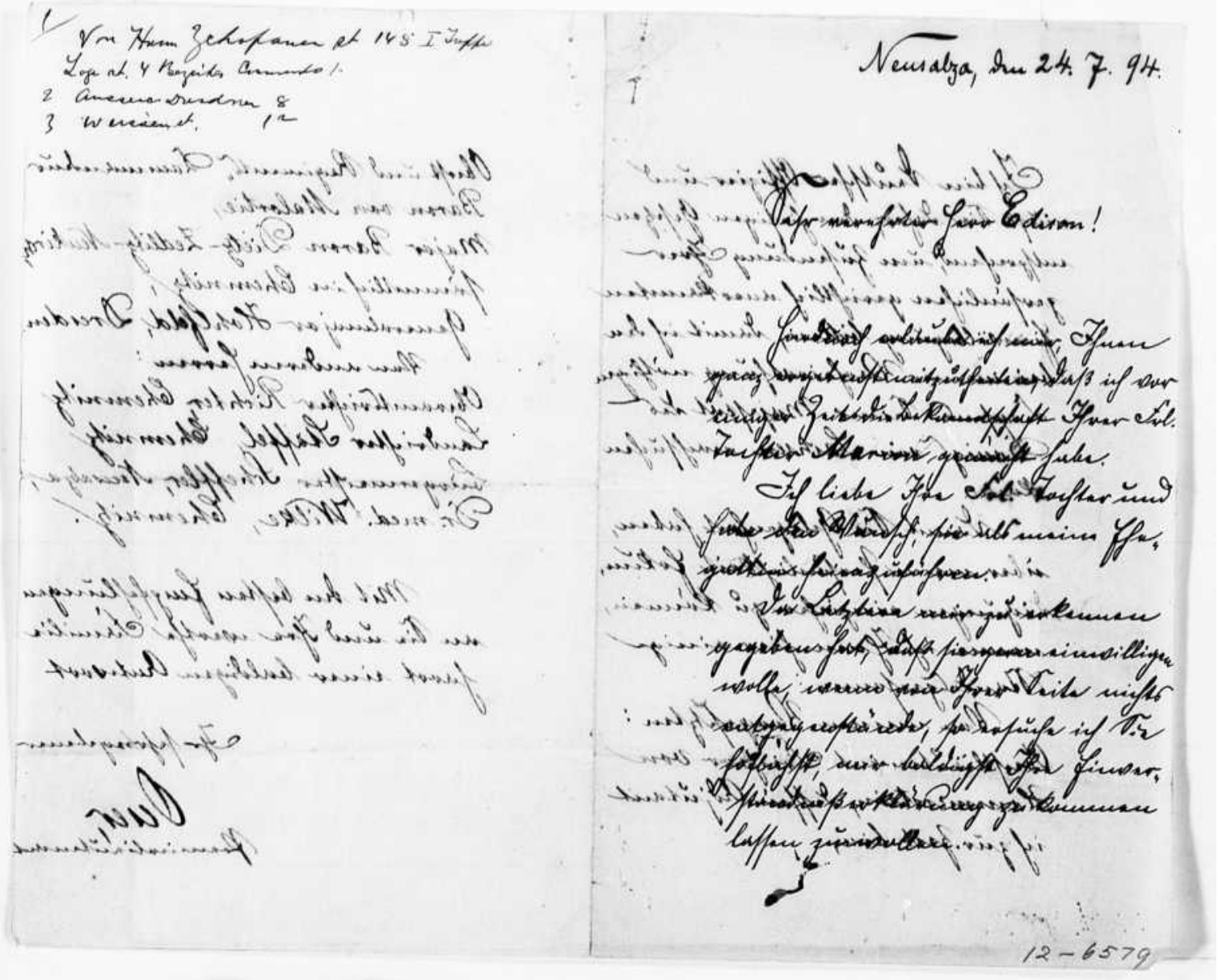

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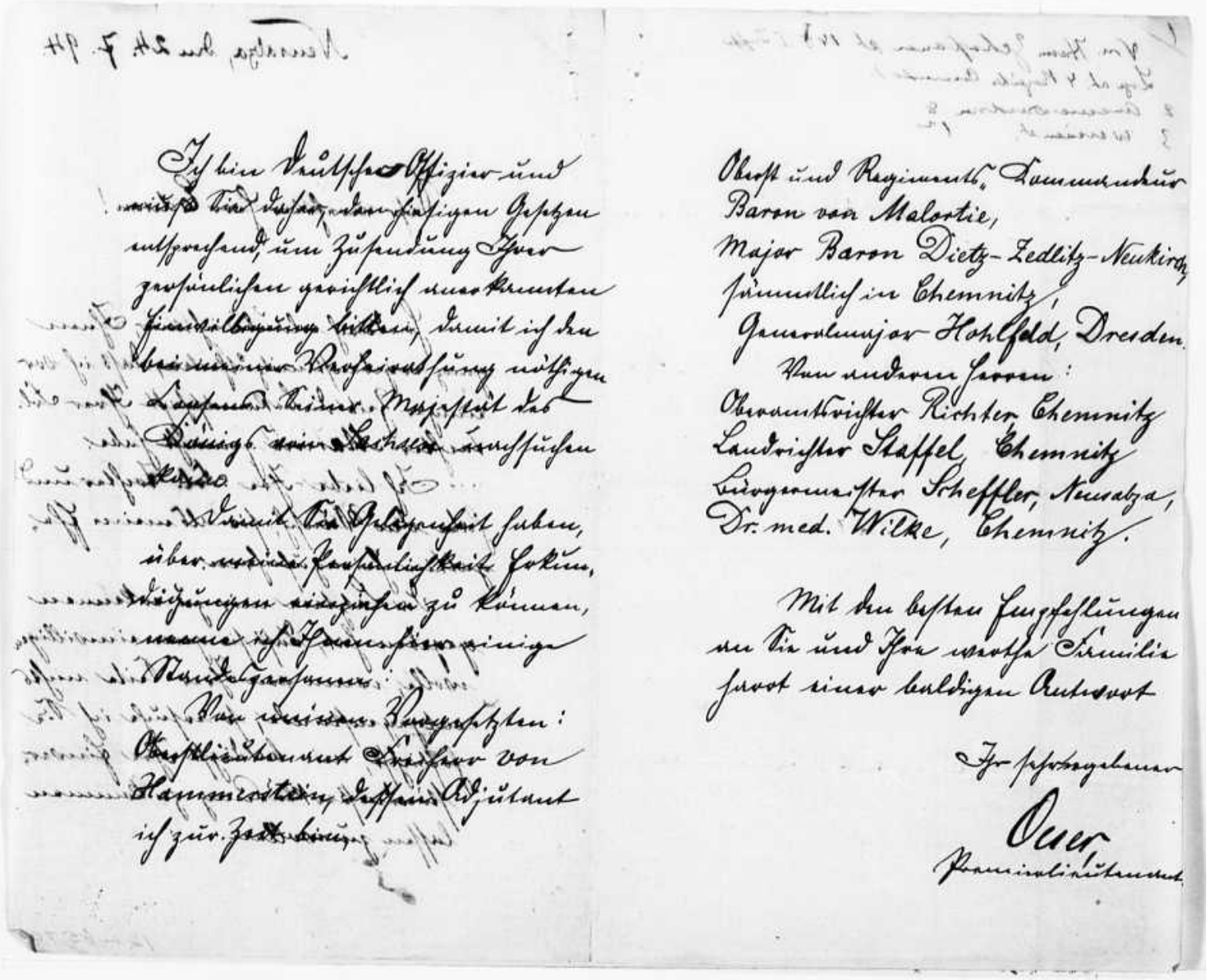

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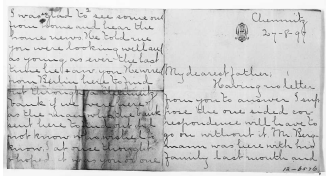

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Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Bergmann, Sigmund

Date
1897-08-27

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Travel (TAE and family)

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Chemnitz
27-8-97

My dearest father;

Having no letter from you to answer I suppose the one sided correspondence will have to go on without it. Mr. Bergmann was here with his family last month and I was so glad to see some one from home and hear the home news. He told me you were looking well and as young as ever the last time he saw you. He wired from Berlin here to find out through a Chemnitz bank if we were here as the man who the bank sent here to find out did not know who wished to know. I at once thought & hoped it was you or one

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of the boys. Mr. Bergmann was very kind to us & he must have a heart of gold. He wanted to give me 2 books & said he would tell you about it but I did not take it for fear you would be angry with me. He made me a present of a fine new Columbia wheel, there isn't any that can touch it here in Chemnitz. I wanted one for a long time but one cannot having everything in

this world. I suppose Mr. Bergmann will see you as soon as he returns & he can tell you all about us. I have asked him to urge you to come over next year with him and make us a visit. Oscar is worth the journey over if I do say it myself. Much love to all & also for yourself from us both,

Lovingly yours

Hannah